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SUBJECT: RUDOLPH HESS

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1. AT APRIL 3 BONN GROUP MEETING, UK MADE RESPONSE TO FRG REQUEST (REPORTED REFTEL C) THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MOVING HESS TO LIVING QUARTERS IN SPANDAU INFIRMARY. UK REP (CROMARTIE) SAID COSTS OF NECESSARY RENOVATION WOULD BE HIGH AND COULD NOT, BECAUSE OF LIFE EXPECTANCY OF HESS, BE AMORTIZED AGAINST LIKELY SAVINGS RESULTING FROM LOWER PERSONNEL COSTS, ETC., OF OPERATING ENTIRE PRISON. MORE IMPORTANTLY, CROMARTIE SAID, WAS UK VIEW THAT ANY RENOVATION OF INFIRMARY FOR HESS WOULD BE SEEN AS SIGNAL THAT ALLIES RESIGNED TO HESS' IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE. FRENCH AND U.S. REPS ATTACHED SELVES TO UK POSITION.

2. FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID THAT THE FONOFF IS NOW PREPARING A DRAFT LETTER AT PRESIDENT HEINEMANN'S

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REQUEST WHICH HEINEMANN WOULD SEND TO THE HEADS OF STATE

OF THE FOUR POWERS ON THE OCCASION OF HESS' 80TH BIRTH-DAY. IN THE LETTER HEINEMANN WOULD REQUEST HESS' RELEASE ON TWO GROUNDS: (1) HUMANITARIAN, AND (2) TO AVOID HAVING HESS' DYING IN PRISON CREATING A MARTYR.

3. AT TRIPARTITE MEETING APRIL 4, UK REP SAID THAT MATTER OF HESS' RELEASE HAD BEEN OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO SOME MEMBERS OF LAST CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD PURSUE IT, AT LEAST FOR NEAR FUTURE. HILLENBRAND

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